

**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

In re PATENT APPLICATION of

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**RESPONSE/AMENDMENT**

April 5, 2010

***VIA EFS***  
Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
Alexandria, Virginia 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated January 5, 2010 in connection with the present application, please consider the following:

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the **Listing of Claims** which begins on page 2 of this paper.

**Remarks/Arguments** begin on page 5 of this paper.